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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, February 26, 2015

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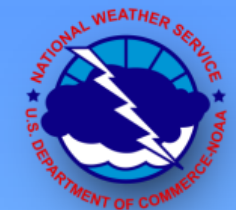
Day 1 Hazards: Snow over NM into the OK/TX Panhandles

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Key Points



Thursday - Friday

- Another strong cold front moves into the Southern Plains by Thursday with snow possible from NM into the TX/OK Panhandles.
- Snow possible across TX/OK panhandles into areas of N TX/S OK by Friday
 - Wintry precipitation expected to be generally light but may cause some travel issues

Saturday - Monday

- Snow possible mainly across western /northwestern NM
- Locally heavy rainfall possible across E OK and AR on Monday

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 26, 2015 - Mar 2, 2015

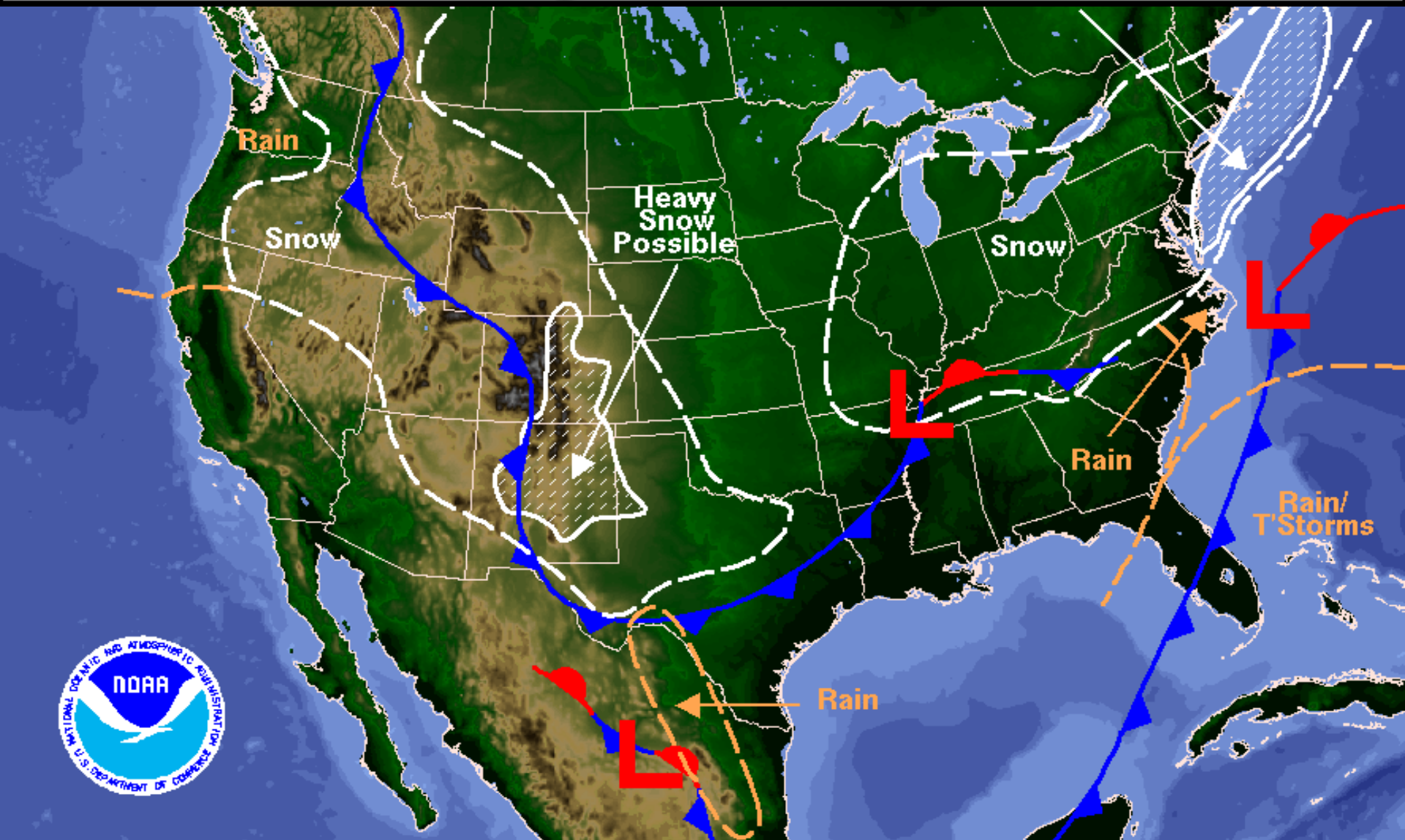
DAY/ THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain /Flooding					Eastern OK/AR
Fire					
Cold					
Winter	N NM, TX Panhandle	NM, TX/OK Panhandles, N TX, S OK	NW NM	NW NM	W NM

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Widespread Threat

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Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Thu, Feb 26, 2015, issued 3:27 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Fri



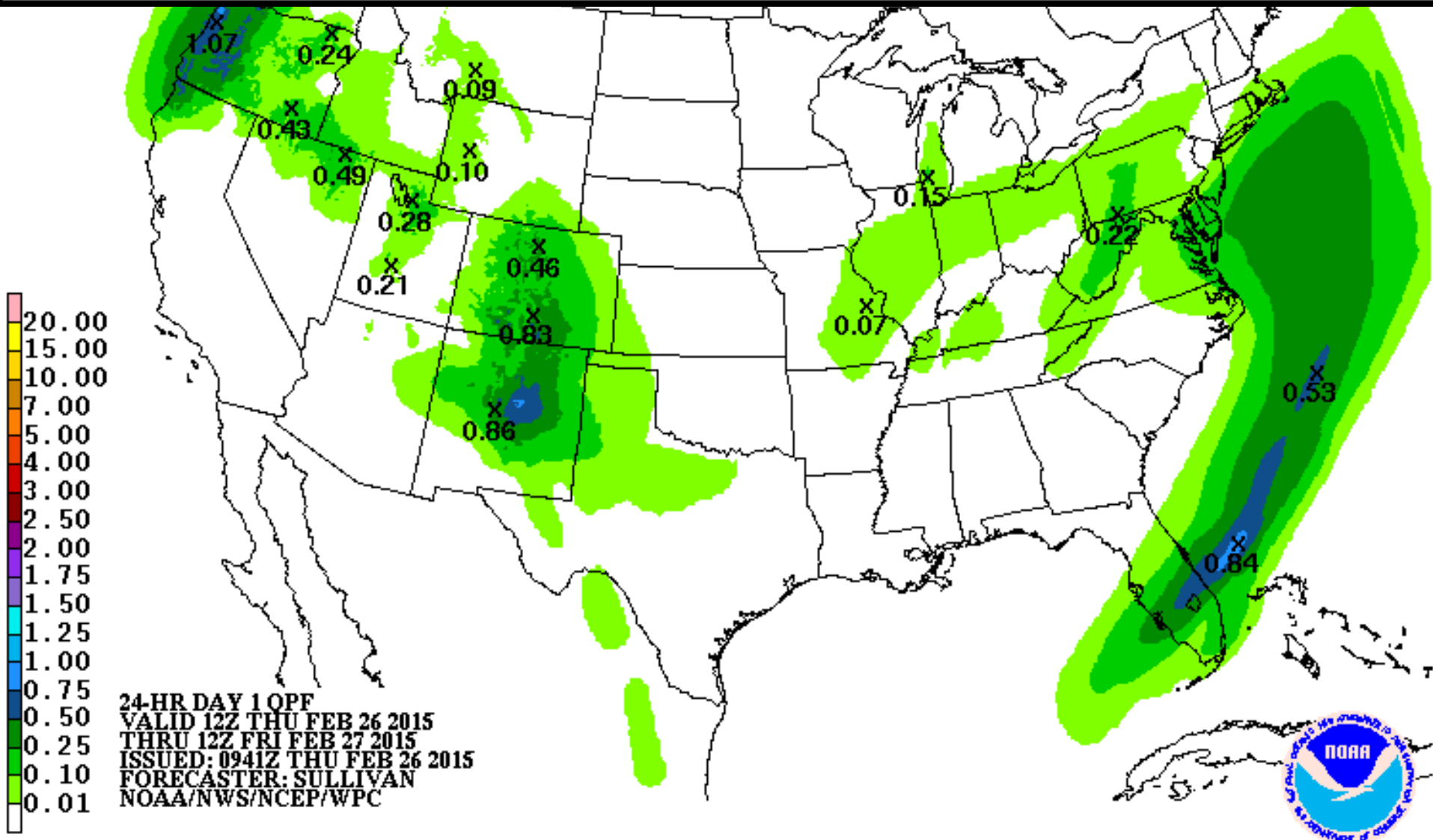
**Snow will cause
travel impacts**



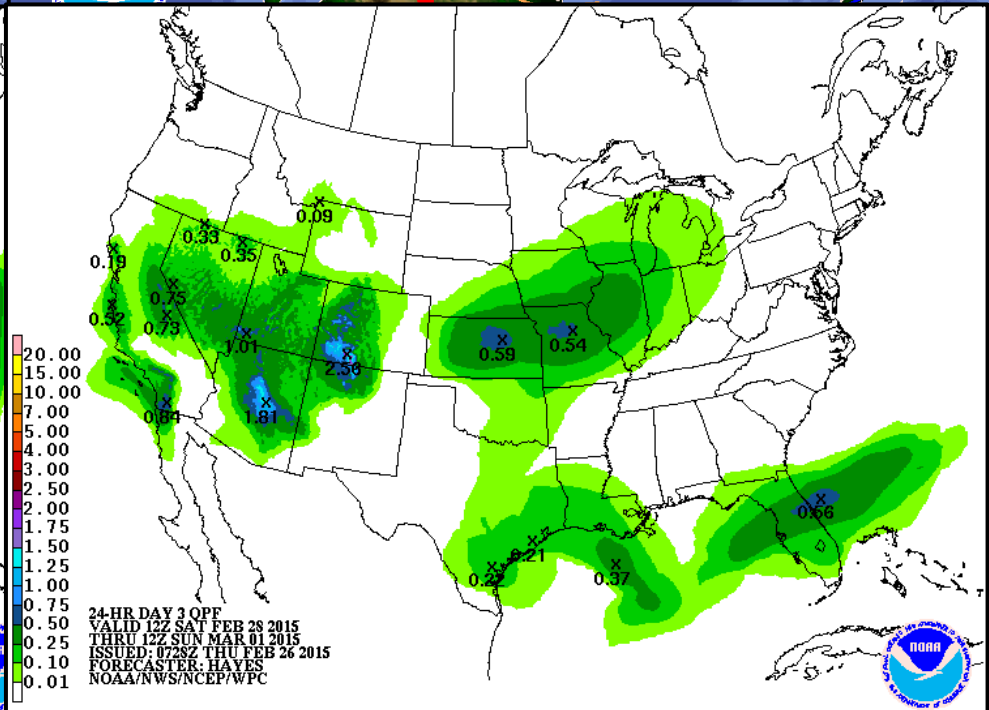
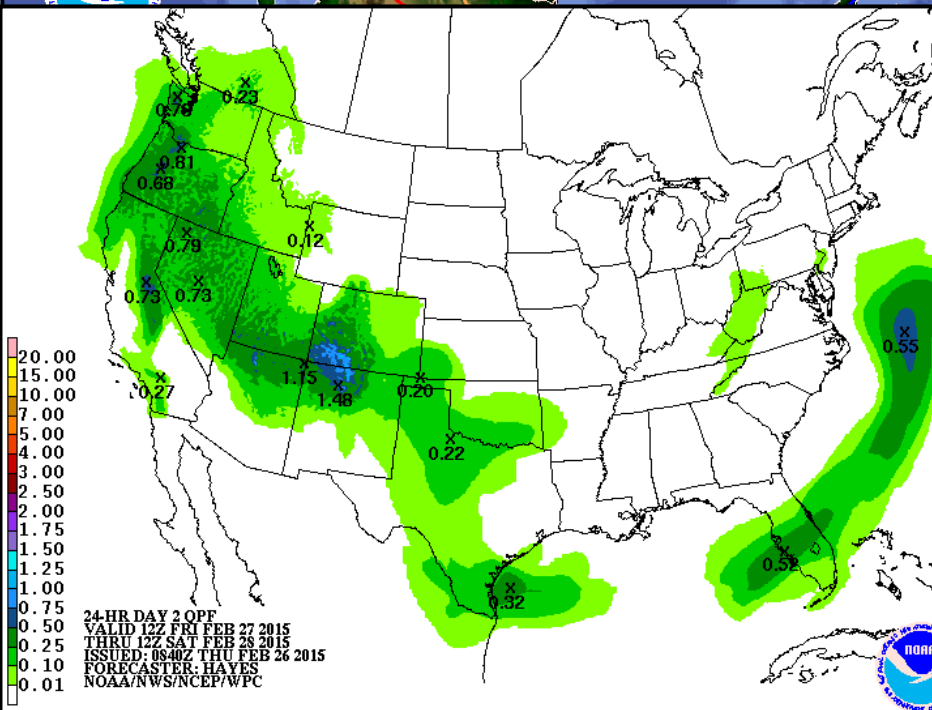
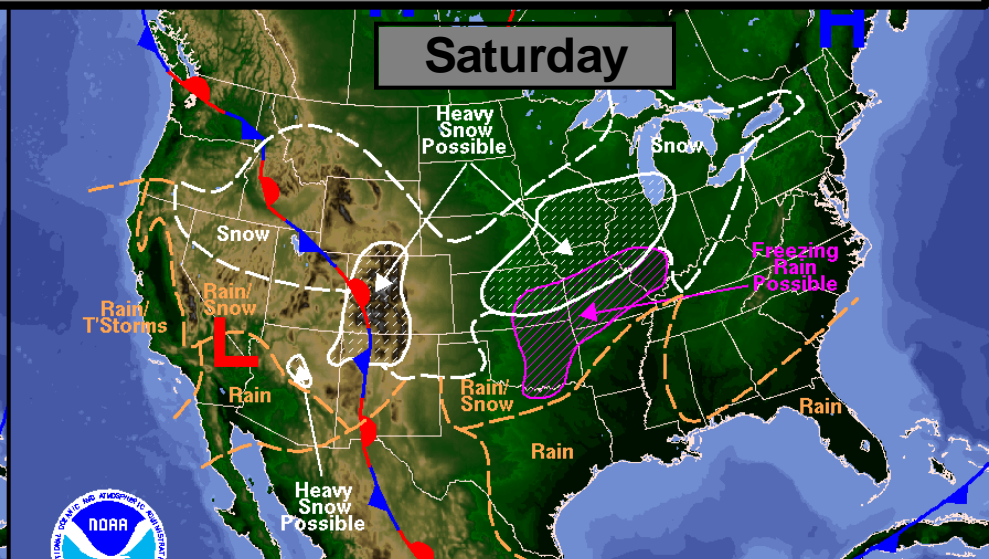
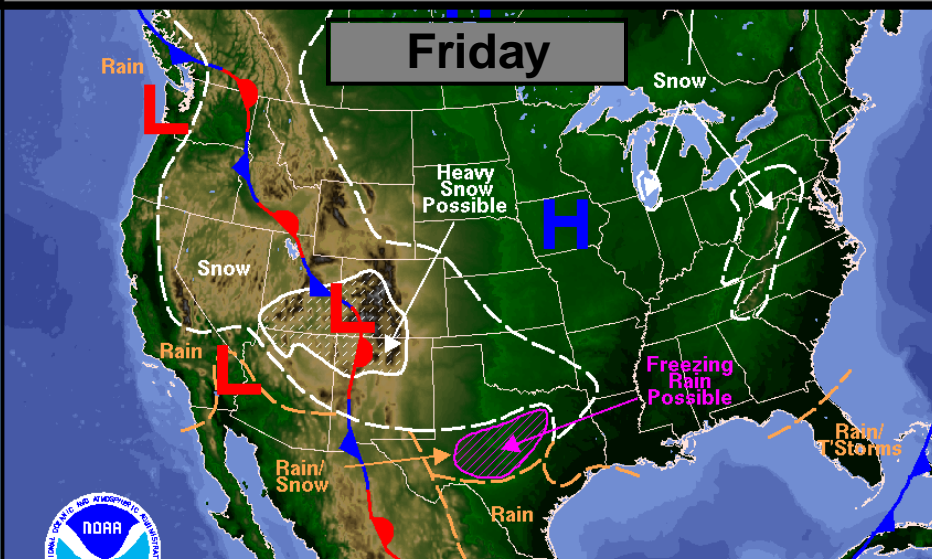
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Today's Precipitation

Thu AM - Fri AM



Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



**Snow
Saturday
Night**

**Combination of light
snow/freezing drizzle may
cause travel issues on Friday**



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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



Snow possible
Sunday night into
Monday morning

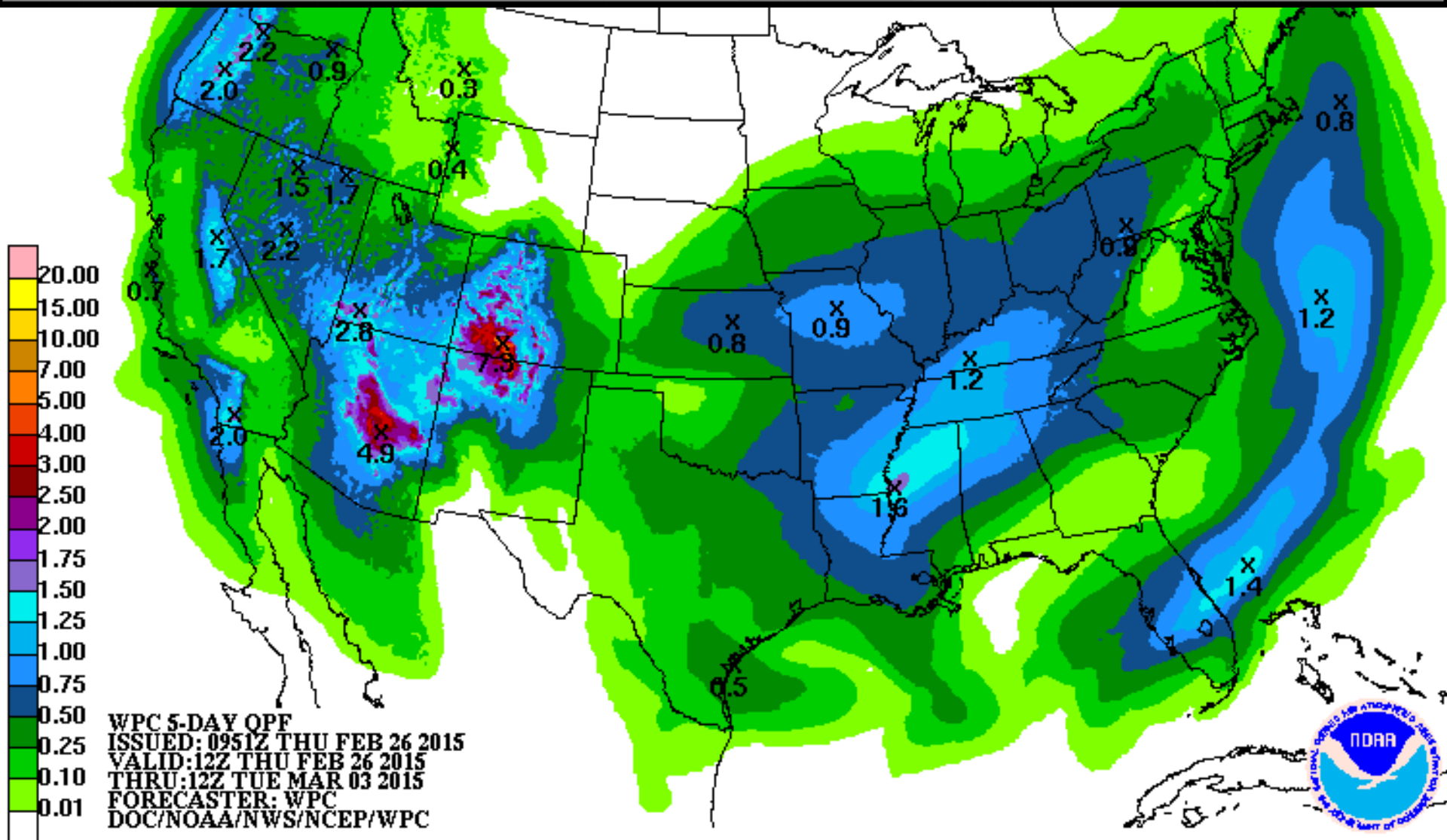
Heavy rainfall
possible Monday

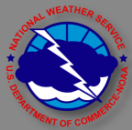


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5-Day Precipitation

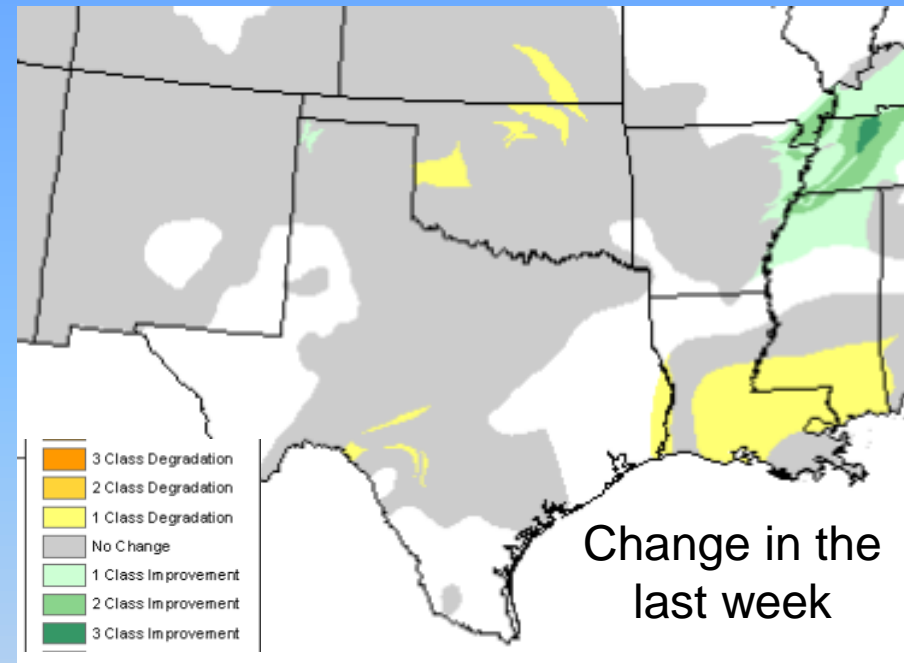
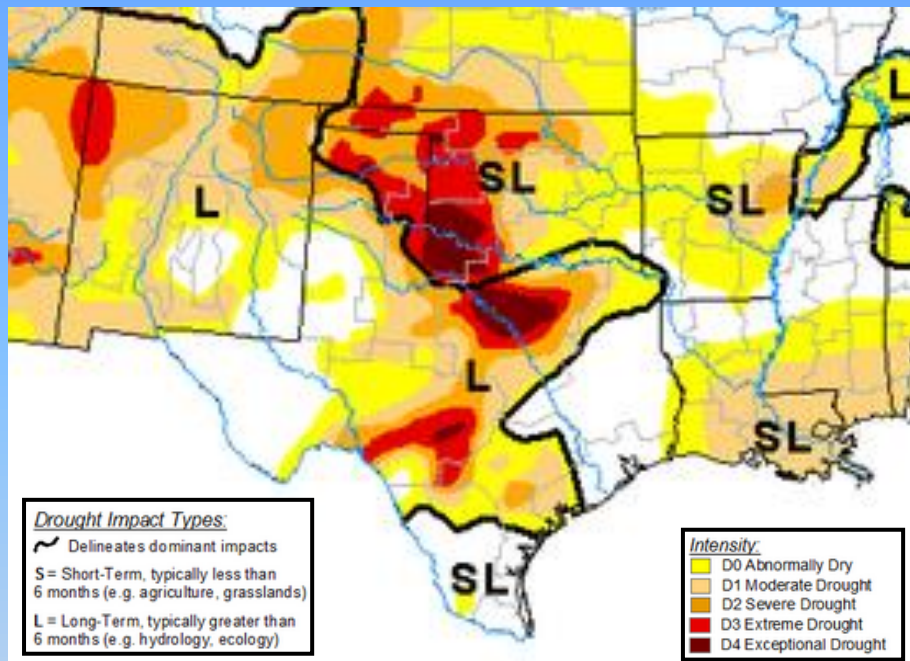
Thu AM - Tue AM





Drought Monitor Released February 26, 2015

Drought data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, February 24, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	27.80%	22.81%	18.33%	13.07%
Texas	14.34%	13.92%	9.50%	9.45%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	1.53%	14.83%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

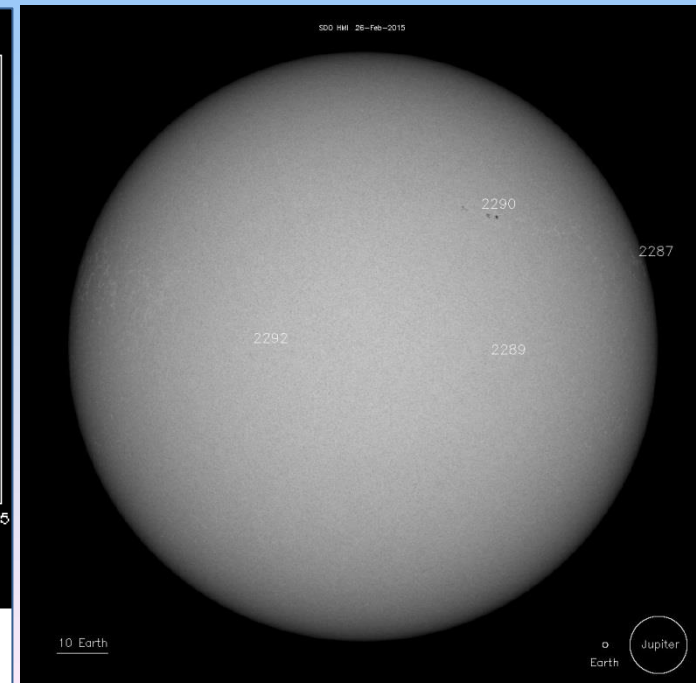
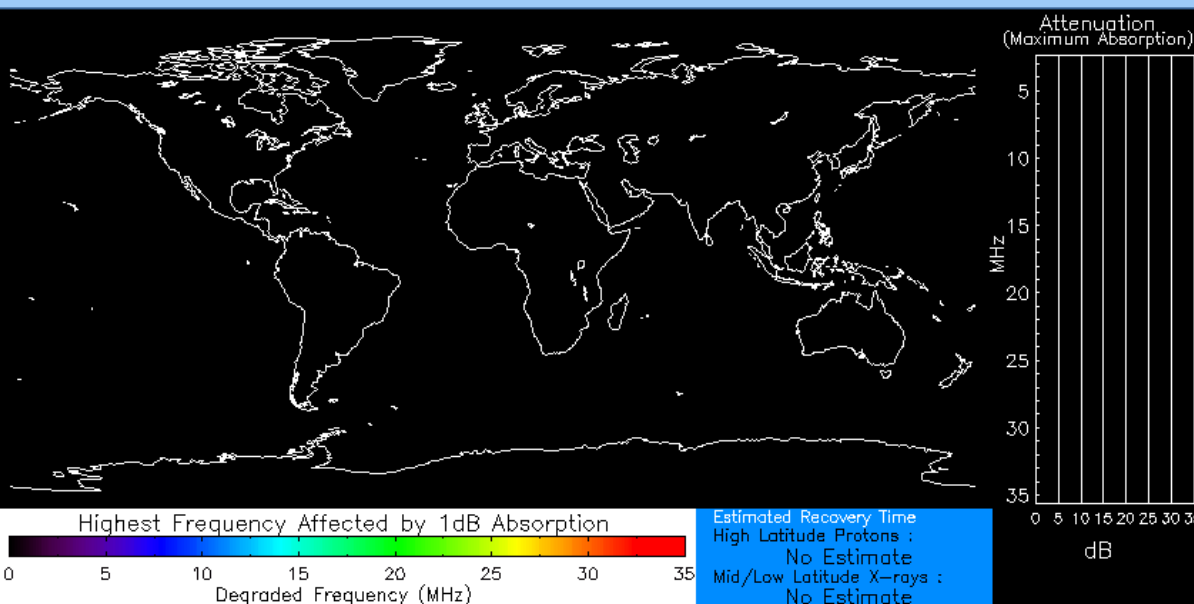
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Active (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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